

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) A method for electronic commerce over a network, said method comprising:
transmitting an order entry data set from a customer to an exchange wherein said order entry data set comprises a product identifier and a product volume;
determining a manufacturer from said product identifier;
transmitting a manufacturer specific order from said exchange to said manufacturer wherein said manufacturer specific order comprises said product identifier and said product volume;
transmitting a product availability request from said manufacturer to a dealer wherein said product availability request comprises said product identifier and said product volume;
transmitting an availability report from said dealer to said manufacturer wherein said availability report comprises a dealer price adjustment;
transmitting a manufacturer manufacturers confirmation report from said manufacturer to said exchange wherein said manufacturer manufacturers confirmation report comprises an availability index derived from said availability report and a customer price derived from said dealer price adjustment;
transmitting a product order confirmation from said exchange to said customer wherein said product order confirmation comprises said manufacturers confirmation report;
transporting a product corresponding to said product identifier from said dealer to said customer;

transferring purchase funds from said customer to said dealer wherein said purchase funds correspond to said customer price; and
transferring manufacturer funds from said dealer to said manufacturer.

2. (Original) The method for electronic commerce over a network of claim 1 wherein said manufacturer specific order further comprises a customer identifier.

3. (Canceled)

4. (Canceled)

5. (Original) The method for electronic commerce over a network of claim 1 wherein said network is a computer network.

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(cont)~~ 6. (Currently amended) The method for electronic commerce over a network of claim 5 wherein said computer network is ~~the~~ a world wide web.

7. (Original) The method for electronic commerce over a network of claim 1 further comprising:
transmitting a purchase order from said customer to said exchange prior to said transporting a product.

8. (Canceled)

9. (Original) The method for electronic commerce over a network of claim 7 further comprising transmitting a purchase confirmation from said exchange to said manufacturer.

10. (Canceled)

11.(Original) The method for electronic commerce over a network of claim 1 further comprising a contractual price relationship between said manufacturer and said customer.

12.(Original) The method for electronic commerce over a network of claim 11 wherein said customer price is derived from said contractual price relationship and said dealer price adjustment.

13.(Currently amended) A system for coordinating product orders and distribution over a network wherein a manufacturer and a customer have a specific contractual price relationship and wherein said system comprises:
a first communication device for receiving a manufacturing specific order over said network from an exchange where said manufacturing specific order comprises a product identifier, which identifies a product of said manufacturer, a product volume and a customer identifier which identifies said customer;
a second communication device for transmitting a product availability request to a dealer wherein said product availability request comprises said product identifier and said product volume;
a third communication device for receiving an availability report from said dealer wherein said availability report comprises a dealer availability index for said product and a dealer price adjustment;
a processor for determining a customer price from said contractual price relationship and said dealer price adjustment and an availability index derived from said dealer availability index and a manufacturers inventory;

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a fourth communication device for transmitting a manufacturer confirmation report to said exchange wherein said manufacturer confirmation report comprises said customer price and said availability index;

a fifth communication device for receiving a purchase confirmation from said exchange wherein said purchase confirmation comprises products distributed by said dealer.

14. (Original) The system for coordinating product orders and distribution over a network of claim 13 further comprising a sixth communication device for transmitting a dealer purchase order to said dealer wherein said dealer purchase order comprises said products distributed by said dealer.

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15. (Currently amended) The system for coordinating product orders and distribution over a network of claim 13 wherein said first communication device and at least one of said group consisting of ~~said first communication device~~, said second communication device, said third communication device, said fourth communication device, said fifth communication device and said sixth communication device are the same device.

16. (Currently amended) The system for coordinating product orders and distribution over a network of claim 15 wherein ~~said communication device~~; said first communication device; said second communication device; said third communication device; said fourth communication device; said fifth communication device and said sixth communication device are the same device.

17. (Canceled)

18. (Original) The system for coordinating product orders and distribution over a network of claim 15 wherein said dealer distributes said product to said customer.

19. (Currently amended) The system for coordinating product orders and distribution over a network of claim 15 wherein said network is the a world wide web.

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